MISSOURI AREA LABOR TRENDS

MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS - DIVISION OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY

INCLUDES CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES FOR ALL AREAS PLUS LABOR MARKET REVIEWS FOR THE STATE AND THE ST. LOUIS, KANSAS CITY, AND SPRINGFIELD SMSA's

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MISSOURI LABOR MARKET REVIEW

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DATA MONTH: AUGUST, 1984

Unemployment continued to drop in August, falling by 15,700 to 151,000, the lowest level in more than four years. The unemployment rate dropped by half a percentage point from July to 6.4 percent.

The labor force experienced a second consecutive monthly decline in August. Drops are typical during July and August, following the initial swelling of the labor force for the summer in June, but this year's decreases appear to be greater than the usual seasonal amounts. A continuing decline in the labor force would be unusual, especially for this phase of the business cycle, but it is too early to conclude that such a decline is taking place.

Total employment also experienced a seasonal drop in August, but at 2,223,100 the number of employed Missourians is still 69,000 more than a year ago. In the same period, unemployment dropped by nearly 72,000 and the unemployment rate plummeted by three percentage points.

Nonagricultural wage and salary employment rebounded in August after decreasing seasonally in July. The number of nonfarm payroll jobs in the state increased by 12,300 in August, about two-thirds of which occurred in manufacturing. Employment in the motor vehicles and equipment industry increased by 3000 jobs, to 28,100, but continuing model changeover layoffs kept employment below the 30,000 level reached in the March-June period.

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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT RATES - ESTIMATES

COUNTY/LABOR MARKET AREA	CURRENT MONTH - AUG 1984 (PRELIMINARY)				PREVIOUS MONTH - JUL 1984 (REVISED)				ONE YEAR AGO - AUG 1983 (BENCHMARKED 1983)			
	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE
STATEWIDE	2374119	2223108	151011	6.4	2397924	2231273	166651	6.9	2376471	2153772	222699	9.4
ST. LOUIS SMSA	1161145	1075040	86105	7.4	1172338	1081300	91038	7.8	1164117	1042787	121330	10.4
KANSAS CITY SMSA	697984	660990	36994	5.3	698946	662629	36317	5.2	698246	643696	54550	7.8
SPRINGFIELD SMSA	114096	108759	5337	4.7	114599	108733	5866	5.1	115079	106626	8453	7.3
COLUMBIA SMSA	58280	56206	2074	3.6	58272	55843	2429	4.2	54218	51626	2592	4.8
JOPLIN SMSA	57972	54240	3732	6.4	58947	54773	4174	7.1	58065	52147	5918	10.2
ST. JOSEPH SMSA	45976	42471	3505	7.6	46326	42616	3710	8.0	47094	42342	4752	10.1
ADAIR/SCHUYLER LMA	15533	14701	832	5.4	16113	15033	1080	6.7	15822	14772	1050	6.6
ATCHISON	4378	4042	336	7.7	4466	4110	356	8.0	5344	5095	249	4.7
AUDRAIN	11210	10577	633	5.6	11199	10541	658	5.9	10923	9916	1007	9.2
BARRY	11424	10851	573	5.0	11665	11031	634	5.4	11823	10601	1222	10.3
BARTON	5157	5009	148	2.9	5327	5130	197	3.7	5030	4792	238	4.7
BATES	7583	7199	384	5.1	7731	7270	461	6.0	7557	6996	561	7.4
BENTON	5443	5156	287	5.3	5528	5169	359	6.5	5399	4918	481	8.9
BOLLINGER	3001	2592	409	13.6	3185	2612	573	18.0	3120	2477	643	20.6
BUTLER	16296	14965	1331	8.2	16591	14906	1685	10.2	15123	13254	1869	12.4
CALDWELL	3592	3392	200	5.6	3653	3454	199	5.4	3675	3385	290	7.9
CALLAWAY	18476	17153	1323	7.2	19205	17831	1374	7.2	21065	19454	1611	7.6
CAMDEN	14476	13854	622	4.3	14515	13886	629	4.3	12650	11859	791	6.3
CAPE GIRARDEAU	30289	28679	1610	5.3	30838	28814	2024	6.6	29674	27324	2350	7.9
CARROLL	4547	4271	276	6.1	4697	4406	291	6.2	4581	4178	403	8.8
CARTER	2717	2453	264	9.7	2853	2609	244	8.6	2719	2431	288	10.6
CEDAR	4470	4194	276	6.2	4607	4198	409	8.9	4403	3914	489	11.1
CHARITON	4974	4661	313	6.3	5206	4837	369	7.1	4846	4413	433	8.9
CLARK	3349	3124	225	6.7	3324	3020	304	9.1	3442	2996	446	13.0
CLINTON	7528	7082	446	5.9	7564	7187	377	5.0	7273	6757	516	7.1
COLE/OSAGE LMA	37185	34796	2389	6.4	36942	34586	2356	6.4	35962	33098	2864	8.0
COOPER	6870	6476	394	5.7	7030	6461	569	8.1	6945	6411	534	7.7
CRAWFORD	7595	7042	553	7.3	7756	7105	651	8.4	7248	6599	649	9.0
DADE	3850	3683	167	4.3	3910	3763	147	3.8	3717	3514	203	5.5
DALLAS	4598	4280	318	6.9	4783	4322	461	9.6	4639	4160	479	10.3
DAVIESS	3085	2913	172	5.6	3266	3059	207	6.3	2951	2491	460	15.6
DEKALB	3322	3128	194	5.8	3388	3183	205	6.1	3230	3033	197	6.1
DENT	5823	5245	578	9.9	5984	5346	638	10.7	5970	5249	721	12.1
DOUGLAS	4680	4211	469	10.0	4734	4302	432	9.1	4525	4042	483	10.7
DUNKLIN	13194	11899	1295	9.8	13478	11977	1501	11.1	13138	10995	2143	16.3
GASCONADE	7102	6644	458	6.4	7437	6898	539	7.2	7017	6536	481	6.9
GENTRY	3864	3718	146	3.8	3969	3815	154	3.9	4088	3827	261	6.4
GRUNDY	5132	4835	297	5.8	5161	4867	294	5.7	5357	4751	606	11.3
HARRISON	5061	4853	208	4.1	5207	4945	262	5.0	4959	4626	333	6.7
HENRY	9685	9263	422	4.4	9652	9063	589	6.1	9299	8590	709	7.6
HICKORY	2515	2354	161	6.4	2496	2331	165	6.6	2278	2064	214	9.4
HOLT	3478	3330	148	4.3	3573	3386	187	5.2	3308	3156	152	4.6
HOWARD	4535	4313	222	4.9	4620	4326	294	6.4	4516	4228	288	6.4
HOWELL	13088	12003	1085	8.3	13525	11708	1817	13.4	12972	11670	1302	10.0
IRON	4389	3598	791	18.0	4434	3818	616	13.9	4501	3770	731	16.2
JOHNSON	16128	15563	565	3.5	15653	14855	798	5.1	14237	13171	1066	7.5
KNOX	2421	2250	171	7.1	2536	2301	235	9.3	2575	2343	232	9.0
LACLEDE	11026	10150	876	7.9	11573	9785	1788	15.4	11096	10188	908	8.2
LAFAYETTE	14058	13308	750	5.3	14108	13365	743	5.3	13963	12878	1085	7.8
LAWRENCE	12190	11443	747	6.1	12378	11508	870	7.0	11827	10597	1230	10.4

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	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE
LEWIS	5459	4998	461	8.4	5542	5003	539	9.7	5382	4566	816	15.2
LINCOLN	10350	9671	679	6.6	10353	9683	670	6.5	10304	9339	965	9.4
LINN	7664	7121	543	7.1	7784	7215	569	7.3	7993	6952	1041	13.0
LIVINGSTON	6537	6120	417	6.4	6729	6235	494	7.3	6963	6234	729	10.5
MACON	6802	6395	407	6.0	7008	6310	698	10.0	6693	6126	567	8.5
MADISON	3643	3333	310	8.5	3706	3292	414	11.2	3954	3459	495	12.5
MARIES	2633	2333	300	11.4	2743	2479	264	9.6	2491	2203	288	11.6
MARION/RALLS LMA	18495	17197	1298	7.0	18683	17314	1369	7.3	19015	16953	2062	10.8
MCDONALD	5677	5263	414	7.3	5821	5338	483	8.3	5675	5112	563	9.9
MERCER	1776	1714	62	3.5	1863	1800	63	3.4	1902	1799	103	5.4
MILLER	11114	10385	729	6.6	10834	10101	733	6.8	10644	9605	1039	9.8
MISSISSIPPI	6556	5822	734	11.2	6511	5691	820	12.6	6337	5367	970	15.3
MONITEAU	4777	4419	358	7.5	4891	4452	439	9.0	4921	4305	616	12.5
MONROE	4965	4763	202	4.1	5118	4863	255	5.0	4503	4180	323	7.2
MONTGOMERY	5324	4984	340	6.4	5247	4953	294	5.6	5449	5007	442	8.1
MORGAN	6147	5666	481	7.8	6259	5842	417	6.7	6005	5257	748	12.5
NEW MADRID	11606	10721	885	7.6	11840	10843	997	8.4	10857	9760	1097	10.1
NODAWAY	10144	9781	363	3.6	10320	9961	359	3.5	9958	9461	497	5.0
OREGON	3044	2712	332	10.9	3024	2543	481	15.9	3067	2660	407	13.3
OZARK	4519	4132	387	8.6	4531	4172	359	7.9	4124	3812	312	7.6
PEMISCOT	8610	7299	1311	15.2	8296	7229	1067	12.9	8332	7044	1288	15.5
PERRY	7306	6843	463	6.3	7370	6724	646	8.8	7136	6553	583	8.2
PETTIS	16391	15285	1106	6.7	16694	15086	1608	9.6	16232	14432	1800	11.1
PHELPS	14744	13907	837	5.7	14731	13774	957	6.5	14658	13351	1307	8.9
PIKE	6852	6237	615	9.0	7060	6405	655	9.3	7110	6389	721	10.1
POLK	8353	7841	512	6.1	8366	7817	549	6.6	8455	7757	698	8.3
PULASKI	8943	8227	716	8.0	8963	8183	780	8.7	8835	8019	816	9.2
PUTNAM	2929	2758	171	5.8	3026	2849	177	5.8	2923	2687	236	8.1
RANDOLPH	11438	10803	635	5.6	11656	10806	850	7.3	11514	10286	1228	10.7
REYNOLDS	2338	2043	295	12.6	2376	2044	332	14.0	2693	2085	608	22.6
RIPLEY	3057	2740	317	10.4	3033	2677	356	11.7	3130	2565	565	18.1
SALINE	13909	12552	1357	9.8	13927	12902	1025	7.4	13646	12720	926	6.8
SCOTLAND	2416	2299	117	4.8	2373	2278	95	4.0	2542	2349	193	7.6
SCOTT	17053	15558	1495	8.8	17267	15629	1638	9.5	17648	15468	2180	12.4
SHANNON	3090	2737	353	11.4	3154	2708	446	14.1	3072	2626	446	14.5
SHELBY	3157	3029	128	4.1	3388	3206	182	5.4	3307	3100	207	6.3
ST. CLAIR	3754	3560	194	5.2	3822	3615	207	5.4	3744	3436	308	8.2
ST. FRANCOIS	20185	18298	1887	9.3	20247	18120	2127	10.5	19806	17277	2529	12.8
STE. GENEVIEVE	5789	5372	417	7.2	5948	5290	658	11.1	5913	5457	456	7.7
STODDARD	12319	11269	1050	8.5	12199	10923	1276	10.5	12420	10742	1678	13.5
STONE	9001	8487	514	5.7	9332	8718	614	6.6	8663	8076	587	6.8
SULLIVAN	3470	3275	195	5.6	3607	3405	202	5.6	3345	3115	230	6.9
TANEY	17239	16558	681	4.0	17160	16387	773	4.5	16388	15632	756	4.6
TEXAS	7586	6715	871	11.5	7639	6510	1129	14.8	7489	6460	1029	13.7
VERNON	9370	8979	391	4.2	9366	8947	419	4.5	9711	9128	583	6.0
WARREN	6165	5815	350	5.7	6254	5843	411	6.6	5748	5181	567	9.9
WASHINGTON	4552	3722	830	18.2	4639	3787	852	18.4	4467	3347	1120	25.1
WAYNE	4222	3703	519	12.3	4274	3750	524	12.3	4001	3428	573	14.3
WEBSTER	7375	6761	614	8.3	7702	6628	1074	13.9	7265	6412	853	11.7
WORTH	1072	1016	56	5.2	1107	1042	65	5.9	1124	997	127	11.3
WRIGHT	7318	6634	684	9.3	7400	6624	776	10.5	6979	6163	816	11.7

Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

TABLE 2. NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT, HOURS AND EARNINGS
MISSOURI (STATEWIDE)
AUGUST, 1984

INDUSTRY TITLE	ALL EMPLOYEES (In Thousands)			PRODUCTION WORKERS								
				Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago
Total Non-Agri. Employment	1955.0	1942.7	1915.6									
Total Manufacturing	420.4	412.3	401.2	372.53	367.09	354.31	40.1	39.6	39.9	9.29	9.27	8.88
Durable Goods	238.1	232.4	221.4	405.59	400.20	387.59	40.6	40.1	40.5	9.99	9.98	9.57
Lumber & Wood Products	9.6	9.5	9.1	236.73	232.06	213.55	39.0	39.2	37.4	6.07	5.92	5.71
Furniture & Fixtures	9.3	9.0	8.9	317.05	311.83	283.97	42.5	41.8	40.8	7.46	7.46	6.96
Stone, Clay & Glass Prod.	11.0	11.0	11.0	421.59	435.69	401.39	41.7	42.3	41.0	10.11	10.30	9.79
Cement, Hydraulic	1.0	1.0	1.2	543.10	561.00	511.24	40.2	40.8	39.6	13.51	13.75	12.91
Structural Clay Prod.	2.4	2.4	2.1	435.63	456.74	395.23	39.0	41.0	35.8	11.17	11.14	11.04
Other Stone, Clay & Glass Prod.	7.6	7.6	7.7	402.57	413.99	387.60	42.6	42.9	42.5	9.45	9.65	9.12
Primary Metal Industries	13.6	13.7	12.6	418.34	410.97	408.94	38.1	37.6	37.9	10.98	10.93	10.79
Iron & Steel Foundries	2.0	2.0	1.6	356.15	312.91	329.63	41.9	36.9	37.5	8.50	8.48	8.79
Non-Ferrous Foundries	2.7	2.7	2.5	346.83	333.34	303.36	42.4	40.8	38.4	8.18	8.17	7.90
Other Primary Metals	8.9	9.0	8.5	461.36	461.36	468.44	35.6	36.5	37.9	12.95	12.64	12.36
Fabricated Metal Products	28.5	28.3	27.3	384.70	390.60	391.76	41.1	40.9	41.5	9.36	9.55	9.44
Fabricated Structural Metal Prod.	9.8	9.8	9.9	373.57	363.60	361.78	41.6	40.0	39.8	8.98	9.09	9.09
Other Fabricated Metal Prod.	18.7	18.5	17.4									
Machinery Exc. Electrical	31.4	31.4	29.9	388.09	384.15	382.78	39.4	39.0	39.3	9.85	9.85	9.74
Electrical & Electronic Equip.	49.1	47.4	42.8	362.60	356.20	337.55	40.2	39.1	39.9	9.02	9.11	8.46
Transportation Equipment	66.8	63.5	61.3	541.41	535.06	515.26	42.1	41.9	42.2	12.86	12.77	12.21
Motor Vehicles & Equip.	28.1	25.1	22.7	550.40	538.85	524.29	43.0	42.8	43.8	12.80	12.59	11.97
Other Transportation Equip.	38.7	38.4	38.6	526.58	530.73	504.51	40.6	40.7	40.2	12.97	13.04	12.55
Instruments & Related Prod.	11.8	11.8	11.8	317.93	312.00	315.84	40.5	40.0	42.0	7.85	7.80	7.52
Misc. Mfg. Inds.	7.0	6.8	6.7	258.61	259.75	249.71	38.2	37.7	39.7	6.77	6.89	6.29
Nondurable Goods	182.3	179.9	179.8	330.57	326.82	317.15	39.4	39.0	39.3	8.39	8.38	8.07
Food & Kindred Products	45.1	45.0	45.1	396.34	384.31	360.45	41.2	40.2	41.1	9.62	9.56	8.77
Meat Products & Preserved Fruits and Vegetables	11.7	11.8	11.4	269.33	254.39	276.62	39.9	37.3	40.8	6.75	6.82	6.78
Dairy Products	6.5	6.5	6.2	380.46	396.49	356.01	42.7	44.6	41.3	8.91	8.89	8.62
Grain Mill Products	6.9	6.8	7.4	447.02	419.58	410.05	43.4	42.0	42.1	10.30	9.99	9.74
Bakery Products	5.7	5.7	5.8	385.39	381.58	375.58	37.2	37.3	38.8	10.36	10.23	9.68
Beverages	10.3	10.2	10.2	609.19	597.38	466.73	42.1	41.6	42.2	14.47	14.36	11.06

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	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago
Other Food & Kindred Prod.	4.0	4.0	4.1	421.26	391.09	419.40	42.0	40.3	45.0	10.03	9.77	9.32
Textile & Apparel	26.1	23.8	26.0	192.58	181.12	189.95	36.2	35.1	36.6	5.32	5.16	5.19
Paper & Allied Products	13.0	13.0	12.7	366.71	365.31	351.54	40.7	40.1	41.9	9.01	9.11	8.39
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	6.5	6.5	6.2	370.96	362.21	368.30	40.9	39.2	41.9	9.07	9.24	8.79
Other Paper & Allied Products	6.5	6.5	6.5	363.78	368.59	334.36	40.6	41.0	41.9	8.96	8.99	7.98
Printing & Publishing	38.2	38.0	37.1	375.58	366.11	392.09	38.6	37.9	37.2	9.73	9.66	10.54
Commercial Printing	12.6	12.5	12.0	444.16	436.91	508.28	40.6	39.9	38.8	10.94	10.95	13.10
Other Printing & Publishing	25.6	25.5	25.1	310.00	298.80	294.38	36.6	36.0	35.9	8.47	8.30	8.20
Chemicals & Allied Products	28.3	28.3	27.4	458.11	456.03	424.13	42.3	42.9	41.5	10.83	10.63	10.22
Leather & Leather Products	18.8	18.8	19.1	192.39	194.35	195.14	36.3	36.6	37.6	5.30	5.31	5.19
Footwear Exc. Rubber	14.8	15.0	14.9	186.16	188.08	193.02	35.8	36.1	37.7	5.20	5.21	5.12
Other Leather & Leather Prod.	4.0	3.8	4.2	215.65	219.84	202.71	38.1	38.5	37.4	5.66	5.71	5.42
Other Nondurable Goods	12.8	13.0	12.4	308.04	309.26	290.27	40.8	40.8	39.6	7.55	7.58	7.33
Total Nonmanufacturing	1534.6	1530.4	1514.4									
Mining	6.0	5.9	6.6									
Construction	83.0	82.1	82.2									
Transportation & Public Util.	136.0	134.8	125.2									
Railroad Transportation	13.4	13.0	13.3									
Transportation (Exc. R.R.)	65.3	64.5	65.5									
Communication, Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	57.3	57.3	46.4									
Wholesale & Retail Trade	464.9	463.3	460.9									
Wholesale Trade	126.1	126.2	125.0									
Retail Trade	338.8	337.1	335.9									
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	110.8	111.0	111.2									
Services	420.1	420.7	418.0									
Government	313.8	312.6	310.3									
Federal Government	70.4	70.7	69.0									
State & Local Government	243.4	241.9	241.3									

Prepared by the Missouri Division of Employment Security in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Estimates are based on monthly reports from cooperating establishments. Data cover employees who worked or received pay for the payroll period which includes the 12th of the month. The data exclude the self-employed, volunteers or unpaid family workers, and domestic workers. Payroll and hours data cover production and related workers in manufacturing.

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The factory workweek bounded back by half an hour to 40.1 hours in August. This is nearly the level which has been prevailing prior to July's seasonal drop to 39.6 hours.

August average hourly earnings of $9.25 were little changed from July, but the increase in the workweek pushed average weekly earnings of manufacturing production workers up by $5.44 to $372.53. This represents a 5.1 percent gain from the year-earlier figure.

NATIONAL LABOR MARKET CONDITIONS

The national unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted) remained at 7.5 percent in August, the same rate occurring in three of the past four months. Total employment edged down by 425,000, with all the drop taking place in the under-25 age group. By the time of the August reference week, which occurred comparatively late in the month, many youth may already have left summer employment to return to school.

Nonfarm payroll employment edged up by 160,000 in August, to 94.5 million. Both the measures of employment have shown growth of nearly 6 million since the recessionary trough of late 1982.

OUTLOOK

Labor market data continue to be relatively stable, with little change in either employment or unemployment. This may reflect a slowing down from the unusually rapid rates of economic growth experienced last year and earlier this year. With the relative stability in underlying labor market conditions, seasonal movements can be expected to predominate in the next few months. Thus, September should see rising employment and a further drop in unemployment. Thereafter, employment should begin to tail off and unemployment edge up.

TABLE 3. SELECTED ECONOMIC STATISTICS RELATED TO MANPOWER DEVELOPMENTS
MISSOURI – AUGUST, 1984

Item	Current Mo. (Preliminary)	1 Mo. Ago (Revised)	1 Yr. Ago (Revised)	Net Change To Current Month From:	
				1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
Total Civilian Labor Force (No. of Workers)	2,374,100	2,398,000	2,376,500	-23,900	-2,400
Total Employed	2,223,100	2,231,300	2,153,800	-8,200	69,300
Total Unemployed	151,000	166,700	222,700	-15,700	-71,700
Unemployment Rate (% of CLF)	6.4	6.9	9.4	-0.5	-3.0
Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment Except Domestics (No. of Jobs)	1,955,000	1,942,700	1,915,600	12,300	39,400
Manufacturing	420,400	412,300	401,200	8,100	19,200
Durable Goods	238,100	232,400	221,400	5,700	16,700
Nondurable Goods	182,300	179,900	179,800	2,400	2,500
Nonmanufacturing	1,534,600	1,530,400	1,514,400	4,200	20,200
State Initial Claims (Wkly. Avg.)	8,396	8,402	9,244	-6	-848
State Insured Unemployment (Wkly. Avg.)	43,599	37,077	49,753	6,522	-6,154
Insured Unemployment Rate	2.4	2.3	2.8	0.1	-0.4
Exhaustions (State U.I.)	3,671	3,536	5,915	135	-2,244
Amount of Benefits Paid	$13,036,040	$10,827,583	$15,681,812	$2,208,457	-$2,645,772
State U.I.	12,733,750	10,591,192	15,314,456	2,142,558	-2,580,706
UCFE	155,368	115,477	154,595	39,891	773
UCX	146,922	120,914	212,761	26,008	-65,839

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KANSAS CITY LABOR MARKET REVIEW

The Kansas City Area includes Jackson, Clay, Cass, Platte and Ray counties in Missouri and Johnson and Wyandotte counties in Kansas. The 1980 population for the Area has been published at 1,327,020 persons by the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

AUGUST, 1984

FRANCIENA KING, ANALYST

Lay-offs in automobile manufacturing, at the federal and local levels of government and continued withdrawal of summer workers out of the labor force, pushed the unemployment rate up by one-tenth percentage point in August 1984 to 5.3 per cent. For the first time in seven months, the Area labor market experienced a rise of 700 in the total number of jobless and the second consecutive month of a decline in total civilian employment. August marked the second straight month that the civilian labor force declined, down by 900 workers from the July 1984 level and down by 300 from a year-ago August.

Wage and salaried employment in August 1984 was 628,200, up by 400 from the July 1984 total of 627,800. Overall, most of the over-the-month changes in nonagricultural employment occurred in nonmanufacturing, which recorded a net gain of 500 jobs over-the-month. Total manufacturing had a net loss of 100 jobs, while nondurable goods manufacturing showed no significant change over-the-month. Model changeovers were completed at one area auto assembly plant and another plant shut down for retooling in August, causing a net industry loss of 600 workers. Wholesale trade showed losses of 400 workers in both durable and nondurable goods. As noted, government employment fell by 400 as another 300 federal workers, primarily tax processors, were laid off and as local government laid off 100 summer public employees. Minor losses were also recorded with services and trucking within the nonmanufacturing sector and in fabricated metals, machinery, which has sustained consistent losses over the last several months and food within the manufacturing sector. The largest over-the-month gain occurred in the construction industry, which reached its yearly high with an additional 1,000 workers. Increased activity in communications equipment and electronic components led to a moderate gain of 400 workers in electrical equipment. Elsewhere in nonmanufacturing, retail trade showed a modest increase of 300 workers and finance, insurance and real estate increased by 200 workers. Other employment changes in manufacturing include minor gains in primary metals, printing and publishing and lumber and furniture.

Wage and salaried employment grew by 24,100 from August 1983 to August 1984, with employment gains of 6,500 in durable goods manufacturing, 2,400 in nondurable goods manufacturing and 15,200 in nonmanufacturing. Two of the major over-the-years gainers, electrical equipment and transportation, communications and utilities, which recorded a combined increase of 7,700 jobs over last year's levels, accounted for one-third of the total growth in nonagricultural employment over-the-year. The size of this increase over last year reflects the temporary low-point resulting from a major communication workers strike which occurred last year at this time. Significant growth occurred in construction, with an additional 3,000 workers, services, with 3,000 workers and finance, insurance and real estate with 2,200. In manufacturing, transportation equipment (up by 1,100) and printing and publishing (up by 1,300) showed major improvement. In the nonmanufacturing sector, state and local government and wholesale trade showed significant gains. Only machinery sustained losses over-the-year.

Total unemployment on-a-place-of-residence basis was 37,000 in August, for 5.3 per cent of the labor force, compared to 36,300 in July 1984 for 5.2 per cent of the labor force and 54,600 in August 1983 for 7.8 per cent of the labor force.

EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT FORECAST

Normal seasonal events, such as the opening of schools and the end of retooling at area auto assembly plants, should produce a significant drop in the unemployment rate in September 1984. The decline will be dampened, however, by a short-term lay-off of auto assemblers at one area plant resulting from a shortage of parts. Construction employment will remain high, but seasonal lay-offs will begin in services as summer recreational activity slows down. Government and other school related industries will show an increase in employment as the fall term begins at Area schools, and unemployment will fall as the remaining summer job workers withdraw from the work force to return to school. Unemployment rate is expected to be 5.0 per cent of the labor force in September 1984, compared to 5.3 per cent in August 1984 and 6.7 per cent in September 1983.

A moderate rise in the unemployment rate in the Area is expected in October 1984. Seasonal job losses will continue in services and lay-offs will begin in construction as the weather turns cooler. Some employment gains may begin in retail trade as Area merchants anticipate the holiday buying season, but large scale hiring will begin in November. Beyond seasonal losses, no major employment changes are expected. The unemployment rate is expected to be 5.1 per cent of the labor force in October 1984, compared to 6.6 per cent in October 1983.

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED IN THE KANSAS CITY AREA (MISSOURI SIDE ONLY) AUGUST, 1984

Insured Unemployed by Age and Sex

Age	Male Per Cent	Female Per Cent	Total Per Cent
Under 25	10.8	14.5	12.2
25-34	33.0	35.6	34.0
35-44	38.0	25.6	27.0
45-54	19.6	14.3	17.6
55-64	8.2	8.1	8.1
65 and over	0.5	1.7	1.0
Unreported	0.0	0.2	0.1

Insured Unemployed by Industry (SIC)

Industry	Per Cent
Agriculture	0.3
Mining	0.1
Construction	3.8
Manufacturing	45.9
Transportation, Communications & Utilities	5.7
Wholesale & Retail Trade	13.0
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	2.4
Services	21.8
All Other	7.0
Information not available	0.0

Insured Unemployed by Occupation (DOT)

Occupation	Per Cent
Professional, Technical & Managerial	8.4
Clerical	12.6
Sales	3.0
Services	10.8
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	0.3
Processing	1.0
Machine Trades	3.3
Bench Work	3.4
Structural Work	14.3
Miscellaneous	10.6
Information not available	35.7

The number of insured unemployed counted for the above percentages was 8,071; 4,943 were male and 3,123 were female.

TABLE 1. NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(Place of Work)
(BENCHMARK - March 1983)

Area and State Kansas City, Missouri-Kansas — Month and Year of Current Data August, 1984

Item	Number of Jobs			Net Change To Current Month From:	
	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Total Nonagricultural Wage & Salaried Employment	628,200	627,800	604,100	+400	+24,100
Total Manufacturing	116,500	116,600	107,600	-100	+8,900
Durable Goods	66,900	67,000	60,400	-100	+6,500
Lumber & Furniture	3,000	2,800	2,700	+200	+300
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	3,900	3,900	3,800	0	+100
Primary Metal Industries	3,600	3,500	3,100	+100	+500
Fabricated Metal Products	9,400	9,500	8,900	-100	+500
Machinery Except Electrical	8,000	8,100	8,500	-100	-500
Electrical Equipment & Supplies	21,600	21,200	17,200	+400	+4,400
Transportation Equipment	13,700	14,300	12,600	-600	+1,100
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	(13,500)	(14,100)	(12,300)	(-600)	(+1,200)
Other Durable Goods	3,700	3,700	3,600	0	+100
Nondurable Goods	49,600	49,600	47,200	0	+2,400
Food & Kindred Products	9,200	9,300	9,200	-100	0
Apparel & Other Textile Products	2,600	2,600	2,300	0	+300
Paper & Allied Products	5,100	5,100	5,100	0	0
Printing & Publishing	19,000	18,900	17,700	+100	+1,300
Chemicals & Allied Products	8,500	8,500	7,900	0	+600
Petroleum & Coal Products	500	500	500	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	4,700	4,700	4,500	0	+200
Total Nonmanufacturing	511,700	511,200	496,500	+500	+15,200
Mining & Quarrying	600	600	500	0	+100
Construction	27,200	26,200	24,200	+1,000	+3,000
Transportation & Utilities	49,800	49,900	46,500	-100	+3,300
Wholesale & Retail Trade	161,000	161,100	159,600	-100	+1,400
Wholesale Trade	(52,900)	(53,300)	(51,700)	(-400)	(+1,200)
Retail Trade	(108,100)	(107,800)	(107,900)	(+300)	(+200)
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	49,800	49,600	47,600	+200	+2,200
Services	141,400	141,500	138,200	-100	+3,200
Government	81,900	82,300	79,900	-400	+2,000
Federal Government	(23,500)	(23,800)	(23,200)	(-300)	(+300)
State & Local Government	(58,400)	(58,500)	(56,700)	(-100)	(+1,700)
In Labor-Management Disputes	200	100	7,100	+100	-6,900

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TABLE 2. PRODUCTION WORKER AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING

Area and State Kansas City, Missouri-Kansas — Month and Year of Current Data August, 1984

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
TOTAL MANUFACTURING	$427.20	$428.98	$391.82	40.0	40.7	39.9	$10.68	$10.54	$9.82
DURABLE GOODS	448.48	454.21	418.95	39.9	40.7	40.4	11.24	11.16	10.37
Lumber & Furniture	323.61	342.28	307.32	40.2	43.0	49.0	8.05	7.96	7.88
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	521.80	505.20	473.19	39.5	40.0	39.4	13.21	12.63	12.01
Primary Metal Industries	443.91	447.93	381.18	40.1	40.5	36.9	11.07	11.06	10.33
Fabricated Metal Products	363.92	365.31	345.93	39.6	40.1	39.0	9.19	9.11	8.87
Machinery Exc. Electrical	421.70	393.88	396.47	40.2	37.8	39.1	10.49	10.42	10.14
Elect. Equip. & Supplies	456.29	431.32	369.46	41.9	41.0	40.6	10.89	10.52	9.10
Transportation Equipment	538.08	599.54	574.18	38.0	42.4	43.4	14.16	14.14	13.23
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	(541.50)	(602.93)	(581.19)	(38.0)	(42.4)	(43.6)	(14.25)	(14.22)	(13.33)
Other Durable Goods	241.39	241.06	223.34	37.6	37.2	39.6	6.42	6.48	5.64
NONDURABLE GOODS	387.77	385.02	347.49	40.1	40.7	39.0	9.67	9.46	8.91
Food & Kindred Products	440.91	413.23	408.51	41.4	43.0	41.6	10.65	9.61	9.82
Apparel & Other Textile Prod.	192.77	199.06	195.28	34.3	34.8	35.7	5.62	5.72	5.47
Paper & Allied Products	368.67	375.91	365.06	41.1	41.4	43.1	8.97	9.08	8.47
Printing & Publishing	414.75	411.26	377.62	37.5	38.4	37.8	11.06	10.71	9.99
Chemicals & Allied Prod.	467.18	484.16	414.91	42.9	43.5	40.4	10.89	11.13	10.27
Petroleum & Coal Prod.	366.45	378.65	311.66	41.5	39.9	40.9	8.83	9.49	7.62
Other Nondurable Goods	282.62	277.98	201.14	41.5	40.7	32.6	6.81	6.83	6.17

*This series exludes industry 2771.
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ST. LOUIS LABOR MARKET REVIEW

The St. Louis Area includes the City of St. Louis, and St. Louis, St. Charles, Jefferson and Franklin Counties in Missouri; and Clinton, Madison, Monroe and St. Clair Counties in Illinois. The 1980 population for the Area was stated as 2,355,276 persons by the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

AUGUST, 1984

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AREA LABOR FORCE DEVELOPMENTS

The St. Louis SMSA unemployment rate declined from 7.8% in July to 7.4% in August. The number of unemployed area residents declined by 4900. Employment also declined during the month, dropping 6200. Unemployment and employment often decline concurrently in August as students exit the labor force during August in preparation for the upcoming school year. This year's decreases were very close to the expected normal seasonal variations. Dramatic improvement occurred in the area's labor market conditions during the first 6 months of 1984 as the overall economy improved at a very brisk pace. During the past 2 months, the pace of economic gains has lessened and the rate at which unemployment has declined has also slowed. This is expected to continue throughout the remainder of 1984 and therefore the area's labor force should show little more than normal seasonal variations for the next 4 months. Although not much month-to-month improvement is expected, comparisons to year ago data show unemployment declining by 35,200 and employment increasing by 32,300. The area's labor force though, because of the slower economic recovery pace, is no longer registering gains over 1983. Most new entrants and re-entrants have already been drawn into the labor force to look for work because of the earlier news of improvement in job opportunities. There were 2100 labor disputants in August, 100 in July, and 8500 in August 1983.

MANUFACTURING

Manufacturing employment increased by 2600 over the month. Most of the improvement occurred in motor vehicles (+2300) as the area's auto assembly plants began to produce 1985 model automobiles and 1800 workers were recalled from a temporary model change-over layoff in July. Over the year, manufacturing employment increased by 10,500. Most major industries have registered gains over 1983 levels. Motor vehicles continues to lead all other manufacturing industries in job growth, adding 7300 workers.

NONMANUFACTURING

Nonmanufacturing employment declined by 1000. A strike affecting 2000 laborers in construction caused employment in that industry to remain constant this month. Employment

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growth in construction would have continued in August if the labor dispute had not occurred. Seasonal employment declines occurred in services and government. Over the year, nonmanufacturing increased by 26,600. Communications and public utilities was up by 8400 but this industry was affected by a labor dispute in August 1983 when 7900 communication workers were on strike. The railroad industry is the only nonmanufacturing sector that have not registered gains over 1983 levels.

UNEMPLOYMENT AND MANPOWER RESOURCES

State UI continued claimants in the SMSA were down 1300 in August from July 1984. In the Missouri portion of the SMSA they were down 1000 and in the Illinois portion they were down 300.

The distribution of weeks claimed by intrastate Missouri resident claimants by industry attachment is as follows:

Industry	May	June	July	August
INA	2	1	0	0
Agriculture	20	19	14	18
Mining	25	156	117	90
Construction	1343	1210	733	742
Manufacturing Total	3138	3014	2982	3314
Food	384	273	310	261
Textile	30	24	24	23
Apparel	284	207	255	213
Lumber	27	28	60	22
Furniture	115	97	141	91
Paper	134	108	100	121
Printing	168	128	127	147
Chemicals	194	228	164	145
Petroleum	21	15	18	27
Rubber	104	102	110	117
Leather	244	328	334	265
Stone	53	47	42	34
Primary Metal	131	292	227	234
Fabricated Metal	326	370	329	410
Machinery	92	83	75	74
Electrical Machinery	169	158	143	179
Transportation Equip.	143	148	150	582
Instruments	24	14	14	29
Miscellaneous	495	361	356	339
Public Utilities	619	697	745	785
Wholesale & Retail Tr.	2218	2094	2047	2178
Finance	299	286	278	289
Services	5160	5160	5489	6087
All Other	303	265	274	271
TOTAL	13127	12902	12679	13774

Of the 13,774 intrastate Missouri resident claimants in August, 1984, 52.0 percent were male and 48.0 percent were female.

The occupational distribution of the intrastate Missouri resident claimant is:

Weeks Claimed (Reference Week)

Occupation	May	June	July	August
Prof., Tech. & Mgr.	1603	1574	1585	1724
Clerical	2397	2217	2061	2102
Sales	636	628	543	575
Farm, Fish & Forest	88	48	55	74
Processing	229	224	225	223
Machine Trades	931	852	797	857
Bench Work	739	686	678	683
Structural Work	1228	1085	841	843
Misc. Work	1602	1503	1621	1638
Domestic	57	42	65	67
Other Services	2267	2122	2268	2417
INA	1350	1921	1940	2571
TOTAL	13127	12902	12679	13774

Applications in file and placements made during the fiscal year beginning October 1, 1983 are distributed as follows:

	Female	Vets	-22	Minority	HDCP
Apps. in file, %	45.3	15.1	23.5	39.3	2.4
Placements, %	42.8	14.6	36.9	32.6	2.3

AVAILABLE JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The occupational percentage distribution of the openings received and filled during fiscal year 1984 by the Missouri State Employment Service is as follows:

Occupational Group	Openings Received Percent	Openings Filled Percent
Professional, Technical & Managerial	4.8	2.4
Clerical	16.0	12.8
Sales	14.7	16.6
Processing	1.0	1.1
Machine Trades	5.0	4.9
Bench Work	4.0	4.5
Structural Work	8.5	9.6
Motor Freight & Transportation	2.5	2.4
Packaging & Material Handling	11.3	15.8
Domestic	1.2	1.2
Other Services	26.8	27.4
Other Occupations	4.2	1.3

EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT OUTLOOK

The unemployment rate for September is expected to be 7.1% and in October 7.0%.

TABLE 1. NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(Place of Work)

Area and State St. Louis, Mo.-Ill. Met. Area — Month and Year of Current Data August, 1984

Item	Number of Jobs			Net Change to Current Month From:	
	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Nonagricultural Wage & Salary, Total	1,018,200	1,016,600	981,100	+1,600	+37,100
Percent Change				+(0.2)	+(3.8)
Manufacturing	224,300	221,700	213,800	+2,600	+10,500
Durable Goods	141,300	139,000	130,600	+2,300	+10,700
Lumber & Furniture	4,400	4,400	4,600	0	-200
Stone, Clay & Glass	3,400	3,400	3,500	0	-100
Primary Metal Industries	15,000	15,200	14,300	-200	+700
Fabricated Metal Products	17,500	17,700	16,800	-200	+700
Machinery, Except Electrical	19,100	19,100	17,600	0	+1,500
Electrical & Electronic Equip.	13,600	13,400	13,300	+200	+300
Transportation Equipment	56,000	53,600	48,300	+2,400	+7,700
Motor Vehicles	19,200	16,900	11,900	+2,300	+7,300
Aircraft & Parts	35,500	35,400	34,900	+100	+600
Instruments & Misc. Mfg.	12,300	12,200	12,200	+100	+100
Nondurable Goods	83,000	82,700	83,200	+300	-200
Food & Kindred Products	21,100	20,900	21,900	+200	-800
Meat Products	1,200	1,100	1,400	+100	-200
Beverages	8,600	8,500	8,700	+100	-100
Textiles & Apparel	6,800	6,700	6,900	+100	-100
Paper & Paper Products	5,700	5,700	5,700	0	0
Printing & Publishing	15,600	15,500	15,100	+100	+500
Chemical & Allied Products	20,700	20,700	20,400	0	+300
Petroleum & Coal Products	2,600	2,600	2,600	0	0
Leather & Leather Products	5,600	5,500	5,900	+100	-300
Other Nondurable Goods	4,900	5,100	4,700	-200	+200
Nonmanufacturing	793,900	794,900	767,300	-1,000	+26,600
Mining	3,900	3,800	3,400	+100	+500
Construction	52,700	52,700	46,800	0	+5,900
Transportation & Public Utilities	72,100	72,100	62,700	0	+9,400
Railroads	7,600	7,600	7,600	0	0
Transportation, Except Railroads	36,300	36,400	35,300	-100	+1,000
Communications & Public Utilities	28,200	28,100	19,800	+100	+8,400
Wholesale & Retail Trade	238,300	238,100	230,900	+200	+7,400
Wholesale Trade	63,000	63,600	61,000	-600	+2,000
Retail Trade	175,300	174,500	169,900	+800	+5,400
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	60,200	60,300	60,000	-100	+200
Service, Except Domestic	236,700	237,000	234,000	-300	+2,700
Total Government	130,000	130,900	129,500	-900	+500
Total Federal Government	38,300	38,400	37,700	-100	+600
Total State & Local Government	91,700	92,500	91,800	-800	+100
Persons Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	2,100	100	8,500	+2,000	-6,400

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TABLE 2. AVERAGE HOURS & EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION AND RELATED WORKERS IN MANUFACTURING

Area and State: St. Louis Metropolitan Area — Month and Year of Current Data: August, 1984

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
TOTAL MANUFACTURING	$432.80	$423.87	$406.00	40.0	39.8	40.0	10.82	10.65	10.15
DURABLE GOODS	447.63	437.60	416.24	40.4	40.0	40.1	11.08	10.94	10.38
Lumber & Furniture	322.38	294.14	313.94	39.8	38.2	41.2	8.10	7.70	7.62
Stone, Clay & Glass	428.64	437.00	418.00	41.9	41.5	40.0	10.23	10.53	10.45
Primary Metal Industries	439.30	431.23	429.32	38.2	38.4	39.1	11.50	11.23	10.98
Fabricated Metal Products	415.71	423.52	402.52	41.2	41.4	40.7	10.09	10.23	9.89
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	417.40	411.41	421.87	38.9	38.2	40.8	10.73	10.77	10.34
Elect. & Electronic Equip.	319.19	290.08	290.30	39.7	37.0	38.4	8.04	7.84	7.56
Transportation Equipment	566.53	553.19	520.40	42.5	42.1	41.4	13.33	13.14	12.57
Instruments & Misc. Mfg.	281.25	280.84	278.62	37.5	37.9	37.1	7.50	7.41	7.51
NONDURABLE GOODS	407.79	402.34	391.02	39.4	39.6	39.9	10.35	10.16	9.80
Food & Kindred Products	509.90	503.26	460.08	40.5	40.1	43.2	12.59	12.55	10.65
Textiles & Apparel	195.97	208.50	196.87	34.2	37.5	35.6	5.73	5.56	5.53
Paper & Paper Products	423.27	415.95	405.66	42.2	40.9	42.3	10.03	10.17	9.59
Printing & Publishing	410.65	386.90	408.70	38.2	37.6	36.2	10.75	10.29	11.29
Chemicals & Allied Prods.	452.76	453.02	441.57	40.9	41.6	41.0	11.07	10.89	10.77
Petroleum & Coal Products	549.86	551.74	559.51	40.7	40.9	42.7	13.51	13.49	14.04
Leather & Leather Products	195.47	198.02	198.83	36.4	36.4	37.8	5.37	5.44	5.26
Other Nondurable Goods	330.88	320.74	306.06	40.9	40.6	39.8	8.09	7.90	7.69

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SPRINGFIELD LABOR MARKET REVIEW
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AREA LABOR FORCE DEVELOPMENTS

Unemployment in the Springfield SMSA dropped from 5,900 in July to 5,300 in August. The rate of unemployment fell four-tenths of a percentage point to 4.7 percent. This represents the lowest rate since December, 1979, when 4.4 percent of the labor force was out of work.

During August, 1983, there were 8,500 persons unemployed and the rate of unemployment was calculated at 7.3 percent.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT

Payrolled employment recorded a net increase of 700 from July to August. Manufacturing employment, estimated at 20,100, increased 200 from July. This figure represents the highest number of persons engaged in manufacturing work since October, 1979, when the level also stood at 20,100. Nonmanufacturing jobs rose 500 during the 30 day period to reach a total of 71,600. Nonmanufacturing industries recording significant changes in employment levels since July include: Transportation and utilities, down 100; Trade, up 300; Finance, insurance and real estate, up 100; Services, up 300 and state and local government, down 100.

Since August, 1983, the number of payrolled jobs rose 2,000. Manufacturing industries accounted for 1,300 of the jump while the nonmanufacturing sector added 700 workers.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

Average hourly earnings of manufacturing production and related workers fell from $8.28 in July to $8.24 in August. This drop resulted from less overtime worked and a change in the amount of shift work with pay differential. Average weekly hours worked increased six-tenths of an hour from July to reach 39.0 hours in August.

During August, 1983, hourly earnings averaged $8.22 and the average factory work week came to 39.9 hours.

EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT OUTLOOK

Payrolled employment is expected to show a fairly substantial rise in September. This will mostly reflect increased employment at local schools as the fall term gets underway. This, coupled with the withdrawal of students from the labor force, is expected to foster a slight seasonal decrease in the rate of unemployment.

TABLE 1. NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(Place of Work)
(BENCHMARK- March, 1983)

Area and State: Springfield, Missouri — Month and Year of Current Data: August, 1984

Item	Number of Jobs			Net Change To Current Month From:	
	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Total Nonag. Wage & Salary Employment (Exc. Domestics)	91,700	91,000	89,700	+700	2,000
Manufacturing	20,100	19,900	18,800	+200	1,300
Durable Goods	10,800	10,700	9,800	+100	1,000
Lumber & Wood (Inc. Furn.)	900	900	900	0	0
Other Durable Goods	9,900	9,800	8,900	+100	1,000
Nondurable Goods	9,300	9,200	9,000	+100	+300
Food Processing	3,900	3,900	4,000	0	-100
Printing & Publishing	1,600	1,600	1,500	0	+100
Other Nondurable Goods	3,800	3,700	3,500	+100	+300
Nonmanufacturing	71,600	71,100	70,900	+500	+700
Mining	100	100	100	0	0
Construction	3,800	3,800	3,600	0	+200
Transportation & Utilities	5,900	6,000	6,000	-100	-100
Trade	26,100	25,800	25,500	+300	+600
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	3,900	3,800	3,800	+100	+100
Services	21,500	21,200	21,600	+300	-100
Government	10,300	10,400	10,300	-100	0
Federal	1,600	1,600	1,600	0	0
State and Local	8,700	8,800	8,700	-100	0
Persons Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0	0	0	0	0

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TABLE 2. GROSS AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR PRODUCTION AND RELATED WORKERS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

Area and State Springfield, Missouri — Month and Year of Current Data August, 1984

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X
Manufacturing	$321.36	$317.95	$327.98	39.0	38.4	39.9	$8.24	$8.28	$8.22
Durable Goods	310.07	308.80	316.40	39.2	38.6	39.5	7.91	8.00	8.01
Nondurable Goods	338.24	333.49	343.00	38.7	38.2	40.4	8.74	8.73	8.49
Food & Kindred Products	366.00	364.84	383.24	40.0	39.4	42.3	9.15	9.26	9.06
Other Nondurable Goods	321.30	316.13	319.14	37.8	37.5	39.4	8.50	8.43	8.10

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